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SUBJ: HEAD OF GUINEAN POLITICAL GROUP CALLS AT EMBASSY

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SUMMARY: HEAD OF GUINEAN POLITICAL MOVEMENT CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 7 TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER DEGREE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN PAIGC, AND PREDICTED CIVIL STRIFE IN GUINEA IF CAPE VERDIAN-LED PAIGC RULES INDEPENDENT GUINEA. ALSO ASKED FOR "CONCRETE" USG AID TO ENABLE HIS MOVEMENT AND BLACK MAJORITY TO RESIST PAIGC. END SUMMARY.

1. ANTONIO BATICA FERREIRA, CONSERVATIVE BLACK GUINEAN PHYSICIAN WHO BASED IN LISBON AND WHO HEADS JUST-FORMED MOVIMENTO DEMOCRATICO DE GUINE (MDG) (REFTEL) CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 7 TO DISCUSS HIS ORGANIZATION WITH EMBOFFS.

2. DURING 90-MINUTE CONVERSATION BATICA FERREIRA EXPRESSED

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HIS CONCERN OVER DEGREE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN PAIGC, AND

CLAIMED MAJORITY INDIGENOUS GUINEANS WOULD IN REALLY FREE ELECTION REJECT PAIGC GOVERNMENT. GUINEANS FEEL HISTORICALLY THAT REAL COLONIALISTS IN GUINEA HAVE BEEN CAPE VERDIANS, AND GUINEAN PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO EXCHANGE PORTUGUESE FORM OF COLONIALISM FOR CAPE VERDIAN VARIETY, WHICH THEY FEEL PAIGC WOULD REPRESENT. A FORCED UNION OF CAPE VERDE AND GUINEA, IN BATICA FERREIRA'S OPINION, BECAUSE OF GUINEAN FEAR OF CAPE VERDIAN DOMINANCE, WOULD LEAD IN TIME TO A BLOODBATH, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE ARE 800 ARMED BLACK COMMANDOS AND 10,000 BLACK MILITIA IN GUINEA AT PRESENT. BATICA FERREIRA ALSO FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF SPLIT OF GUINEA INTO TWO HALVES IN FUTURE, PART UNITING WITH SENAGAL, THE OTHER HALF WITH REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.

3. BATICA FERREIRA SHOWED EMBOFFS LETTER FROM DAKAR FROM BENJAMIN PINTO BULL, HEAD OF FLING, PLEDGING SUPPORT TO MDG AND SAYING BULL WOULD COME TO LISBON JULY 10 OR 11. BULL ASKED IN LETTER IF BATICA FERREIRA COULD PAY FOR BULL'S TICKET.

4. PRIMARY PURPOSE BATICA FERREIRA'S VISIT WAS TO ASK USG FOR "CONCRETE AID" FOR PRO-WESTERN MDG TO ENABLE IT AND BLACK GUINEANS TO RESIST PRO-COMMUNIST, CAPE VERDIAN-LED PAIGC. EMBOFFS MADE IT CLEAR THAT USG, WHILE WELCOMING PROGRESS TOWARD DECOLONIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN GUINEA WAS NOT SUPPORTING ANY FACTIONS IN STRUGGLE AND THEREFORE COULD BE OF NO HELP TO MDG. HOWEVER, EMBOFF EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT USG, IF AND WHEN GUINEA BECAME INDEPENDENT, WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. SCOTT

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